

# Republican Jewish Coalition

## Political Action Committee

May 23, 2005

Scott E. Thomas, Chairman  
Federal Election Committee  
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 5652

Dear Chairman Thomas:

We received your letter dated April 21, 2005, in which you stated that the FEC found reason to believe that our \$15,000 contribution to Terrell for Senate by check dated November 26, 2002, exceeded the contribution limits stated in the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). In making this \$15,000 contribution, however, we relied upon the committee's representation that there were unpaid debts from the primary and general elections that would permit us to contribute \$5,000 each for these two previous elections in addition to the \$5,000 we contributed for the run-off election.

We were not told by the FEC what portion of the \$10,000 we contributed for debt reduction for the primary and run-off elections was excessive, but we assume that it is the entire \$10,000 amount. As you will see from the enclosed letter, we have asked Terrell for Senate to refund this amount to the RJC.

We trust that you appreciate that we have no practical alternative except to rely on the representations that are made to us by committees, since it is not feasible for us to challenge or audit the finances of a committee in circumstances like this. Nevertheless, please be assured that we take very seriously our responsibilities and legal obligations under the Act.

Sincerely,

  
Matthew Brooks  
Treasurer

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cc: Jack A. Gould, Attorney

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